



This report, updated monthly, is designed to provide you with a summary of active NHTSA Defect Investigations. The investigations listed below are grouped according to type of investigation ([Preliminary Evaluation](#), [Engineering Analysis](#), [Recall Query](#), and [Defect/Recall Petition](#)) and identify the products under investigation, the alleged problem, and the investigation status. For up-to-date details on specific investigations, you can enter its Action # in the Quick Search box at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm>

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MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
EA06-007	1996-2002 KIA SPORTAGE	FUEL TANK LEAKAGE	09-MAY-2006	
EA06-009	2001 SATURN L-SERIES 2.2L BUILT NOV.2000-FEB.2001	TIMING CHAIN FAILURE	06-JUN-2006	
EA06-010	2004 TO 2006 CHRYSLER PACIFICA	FUEL TANK PUNCTURES	15-JUN-2006	
EA06-012	1999 - 2001 FORD SUPER DUTY AND EXCURSION WITH 7.3L DIESEL	ENGINE STALLING	22-JUN-2006	
EA06-016	MY 2001 CHEVROLET AND GMC 2500/35000 SERIES W/8.1L ENGINE	CRANK POSITION SENSOR FAILURE - STALL	14-SEP-2006	
EA06-018	1999-2004 CHEVROLET TRACKER IN SALT BELT	CROSSMEMBER CORROSION FAILURE	30-OCT-2006	
EA06-019	2002-2003 DODGE NEON	HEADLIGHT FAILURE	22-NOV-2006	
EA06-020	2004-2005 TOYOTA SIENNA WITH POWER REAR DOOR	UNEXPECTED CLOSING OF POWER LIFTGATE	01-DEC-2006	
EA07-003	2006-2007 DODGE DURANGO	SIDE CURTAIN AIR BAG FAILURE	14-FEB-2007	

EA07-005	2005-2007 NISSAN 350Z	WHEEL FAILURE	03-APR-2007	
EA07-006	2001 - 2004 PONTIAC AZTEK/BUICK RENDEZVOUS VEHICLES	FUEL TANK LEAKAGE	18-APR-2007	13-SEP-2007
EA07-007	2006-2007 JEEP COMMANDER	ENGINE STALL	27-APR-2007	
EA07-008	1999-2002 BUICK, OLDSMOBILE, AND PONTIAC W/ SUPERCHARGED V6	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	12-JUN-2007	
EA07-009	2002-2003 TRAILBLAZER, EXT, GMC ENVOY, XL, XUV	FUEL PUMP MODULE LEAKS GASOLINE	10-JUL-2007	
EA07-010	MY 2007 LEXUS ES350	ACCESSORY FLOOR MAT	08-AUG-2007	
EA07-011	MY 2002 - 2003 MINI COOPER	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	14-AUG-2007	
EA07-012	MY 2003- 2005 LAND ROVER, RANGE ROVER	FRONT DIFFERENTIAL/ DRIVESHAFT FAILURE	14-AUG-2007	
EA07-013	MY 2002 C/K 2500 SUBURBAN/YUKON/SILVERADO/SIERRA/ AVALANCHE	TRAILER HITCH RECEIVER FAILURE	14-SEP-2007	
EA07-014	2000-2003 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT	PASSENGER/ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	28-SEP-2007	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
PE07-018	2002 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT	WATER/ICE IN BRAKE BOOSTER	03-APR-2007	04-SEP-2007
PE07-023	MY 2005-2006 PONTIAC G6	LOSS OF POWER STEERING ASSIST	25-APR-2007	25-SEP-2007
PE07-024	2000-2003 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT	PASSENGER/ ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	10-MAY-2007	28-SEP-2007
PE07-025	MY 2002 C/K 2500 SUBURBAN/YUKON/SILVERADO/SIERRA/ AVALANCHE	TRAILER HITCH RECEIVER FAILURE	14-MAY-2007	14-SEP-2007
PE07-028	2003 MY HONDA CIVIC POWERED BY COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG)	CNG TANK EXPLODING IN A FIRE	11-JUN-2007	
PE07-029	2004-2005 MPV-ER THOMAS BUILT SCHOOL BUSES	SIDE PANEL FIRE	20-JUN-2007	

PE07-030	TRIUMPH 2006 ROCKET III MOTORCYCLE	MOTORCYCLE STALLING	20-JUN-2007		
PE07-031	BMW 2000-2007 R-SERIES MOTORCYCLES	MOTORCYCLE FIRES	21-JUN-2007		
PE07-032	2000-2005 WORKHORSE CHASSIS WITH HYDRAULIC BRAKES	OVERHEATED BRAKE CALIPERS	25-JUN-2007		
PE07-033	2003 CHEVROLET CAVALIER	ENGINE STALLING - FUEL PUMP FAILURE	28-JUN-2007		
PE07-034	2005-2007 IC CORPORATION CE SCHOOL BUSES	DASH/INTERIOR FIRE	10-JUL-2007		
PE07-035	CHAMPION SIDE CAR TRAILERS - 2003 COLORADO	TRAILER WHEEL SEPARATION	12-JUL-2007		
PE07-036	2003 LAND ROVER FREELANDER	FUEL PUMP FAILURE	17-JUL-2007		
PE07-037	2003-06 CADILLAC CTS, CTS-V, STS	FAILURE OF THE REAR DIFFERENTIAL	17-JUL-2007		
PE07-038	2002-2005 EVENFLO TRIUMPH MODEL NO. 359	CHILD SEAT STYROFOAM CHOKING	17-JUL-2007		
PE07-040	DUCATI MODEL YEAR 2007 MODEL 1098	MOTORCYCLE STALLING	07-AUG-2007		
PE07-041	2005-2006 JEEP LIBERTY DIESEL	DIESEL FUEL LEAK	08-AUG-2007		
PE07-042	2000 AND 2002-2004 MY MERCEDES-BENZ S AND SL CLASS VEHICLES	AIR SUSPENSION SYSTEM FAILURE	14-AUG-2007		
PE07-043	2004 - 2007 E-350/E-450 FORD CUTAWAY CHASSIS; E-350 VANS	400 AMP PRIMARY FUSE CORROSION	14-AUG-2007		
PE07-044	2005-2006 GENERAL MOTORS UPLANDER, TERRAZA, MONTANA, RELAY	POWER SLIDING DOOR OPENING	16-AUG-2007		
PE07-045	2005 AND 2006 BMW 5 SERIES, 7 SERIES AND X3 VEHICLES	BMW AIRBAG LIGHT ILLUMINATION	04-SEP-2007		
PE07-046	2007 - 2008 MODEL YEAR VOLVO (VTNA) TRACTORS	SAF HOLLAND SIMPLEX FIFTH WHEELS	14-SEP-2007		
PE07-047	MY 2006-2008 FREIGHTLINER, WESTERN STAR & STERLING TRACTORS	SAF HOLLAND SIMPLEX FIFTH WHEELS	14-SEP-2007		
PE07-048	SEVAS S-10 AFTERMARKET WHEELS	WHEEL FAILURE	21-SEP-2007		

PE07-049	2003-2004 PONTIAC VIBE	SIDE FRONT WINDOW SHATTERS	27-SEP-2007
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MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT RECALL QUERY				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ07-001	2005-06 MY INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORP CE SCHOOL BUSES	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	24-JUL-07	
RQ07-002	2002 WINNEBAGO RIALTA AND VISTA	ENGINE COOLING FAN BLADE	05-SEP-07	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PETITIONS				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
DP06-005	2003-2005 FORD TAURUS AND MERCURY SABLE	ENGINE STALLING FFV VEHICLE	04-DEC-2006	
DP07-001	1989-1992 FORD PROBE	SEATBACK RECLINE MECHANISM FAILURE	30-JUL-2007	

Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

Initial phase of a NHTSA investigation, a PE is prompted after a review of consumer complaints and/or manufacturer service bulletins suggest a safety defect may exist. The results of a PE determine whether the investigation will be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis or closed. Most PEs are resolved within four months.

Engineering Analysis (EA)

Second and final phase of a NHTSA investigation, an EA is undertaken if data from a PE indicate further examination of a potential safety defect is warranted. The results of an EA determine whether a safety recall should be initiated or the investigation should be closed. Most EAs are resolved within one year.

Recall Query (RQ)

NHTSA monitors recalls to ensure that the scope, completion rate, and remedy are adequate. If recall adequacy comes into question, an RQ is opened to determine if the scope of the recall should be expanded or an adjustment in existing remedies is required.

Defect or Recall Petition (DP or RP)

NHTSA may be petitioned to investigate an alleged safety defect or whether a manufacturer has successfully carried out the requirements of a recall. If the petition is granted, NHTSA opens an appropriate investigation. If the petition is denied, the reasons for denial are published in the Federal Register.

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